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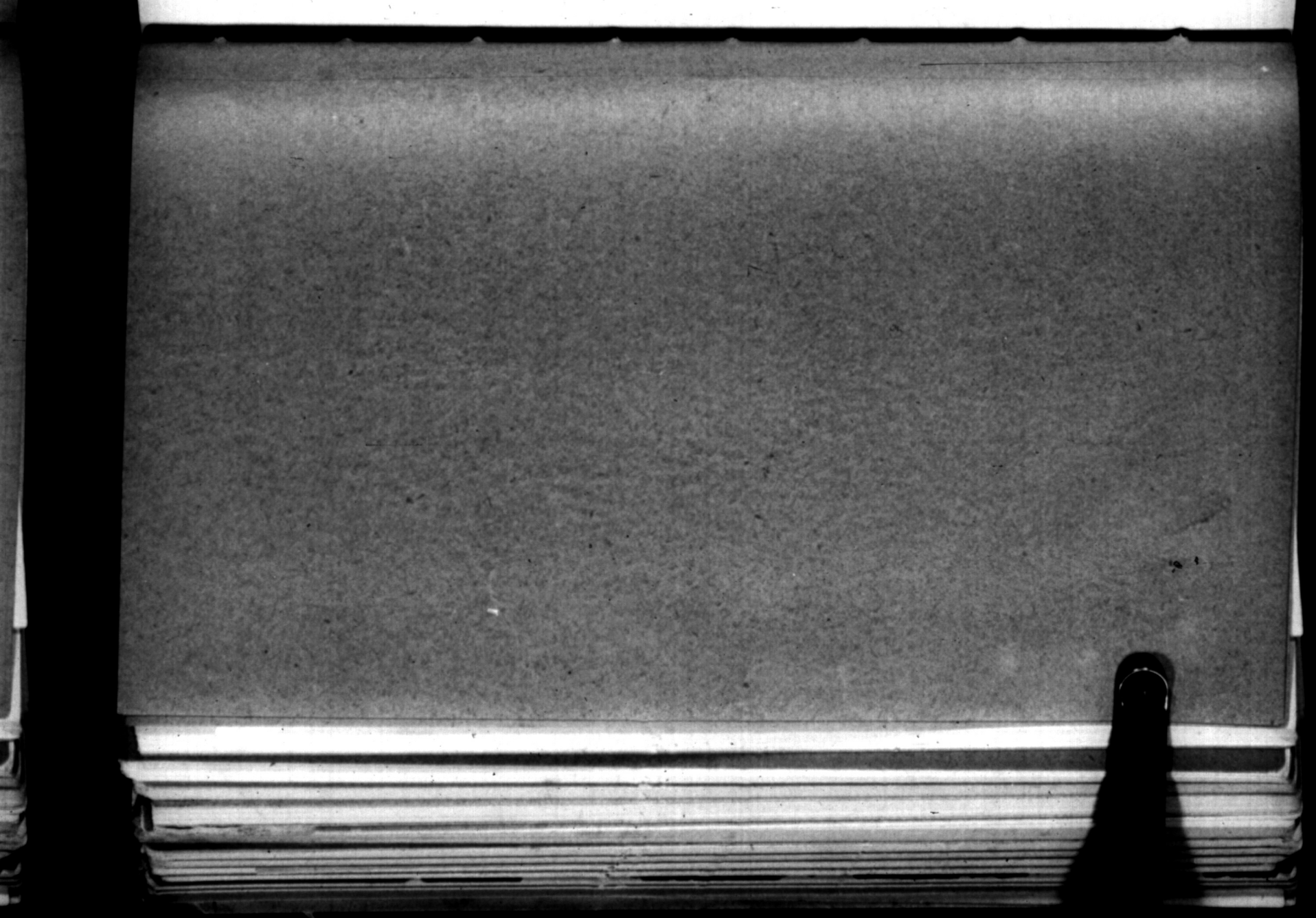

MINUTES

—OF THE—

Twenty-Fifth Annual Session

—OF THE—

Chickasahay Baptist Association,

—HELD WITH—

STONEWALL BAPTIST CHURCH,

Sept. 22, 23 and 24, 1900.

OFFICERS.

W. J. DAVID,.....MODERATOR.....Meridian, Miss.

C. E. ROBERTS,.....CLERK & TREAS.....Meridian, Miss.

The next meeting will be held with Buckatunna Baptist Church on Saturday before the fourth Lord's Day in September, 1901.

Sunday School Institute to convene one day previous to the Association.

MURPHEY & FARMER,
PRINTERS AND STATIONERS,
MERIDIAN, MISS.

Sunday School Institute.

The S. S. Institute of the Chickasahay Baptist Association met with the Stonewall Baptist church, Thursday night, September 20th, 1900. Preaching at 8:30 by W. A. McCain.

FRIDAY MORNING, Sept. 21, 1900.

Devotional services by J. Sumerall.

W. H. Patton was elected Chairman and W. A. McCain, Secretary.

The first point of the program was taken up.

1st. What is a Sunday School ?

(A) Its officers and their duties.

(B) Its teachers—their responsibility.

(C) Its pupils—how to keep them.

Led by C. F. Woods, followed by a number of brethren. After two hours discussion adjourned till 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotional exercises by W. D. Bosdell.

The second point was taken up.

2nd. How to enlist the churches.

(A) The Pastor to encourage.

(B) The Deacons provide therefor.

(C) The membership for teachers.

Led by W. D. Bosdell, followed by a number of brethren.

Adjourned at 5 o'clock to meet at 7:30.

NIGHT SESSION.

3rd. The way to keep up a school.

(A) Promptness, patience, perseverance.

(B) Attention to little things.

(C) Enthusiasm, earnestness, prayer.

Led by L. A. Duncan.

The speeches were all to the point and showed a great development in Sunday School work.

The most striking feature of the Institute was the singing of a class of six little girls from the Forty-first Avenue Sunday School, led by their teacher, Miss Ethel Roberts.

MINUTES.

FIRST DAY—Morning Session.

The Chickasahay Baptist Association met in its Twenty-Fifth Annual Session with Stonewall Baptist Church, September 22nd, 1900.

Devotional services conducted by Brother W. D. Bosdell. Scripture, 51st Psalm.

Moderator and Clerk both being absent, Association was called to order by Brother W. H. Patton, chairman of the Executive Committee.

On motion, Brother W. J. David, of Meridian, was elected temporary Chairman and C. F. Woods temporary Clerk.

On motion, Bros. C. C. Dunn, W. A. McCain and Moody Price were appointed as a committee on Credentials.

At this point, by request of the congregation, the class of little girls, brought by Brother Duncan from Meridian, sang one of their beautiful Sunday school songs. Class composed of the following: Miss Ethel Roberts, organist; Misses Nettie Roberts, Mamie Matthews, Motie Lucas, Ollie Henry, Virgie Moore, Ada Belle Evans.

On motion, the Chairman of committee on Credentials was allowed to make a partial report which showed the following churches represented:

Oak Grove—J. Summeral.

Shubuta—W. H. Patton.

Poplar Springs—R. F. Gartin, C. A. Gartin.

First Church, Meridian—C. F. Woods, J. A. Hackett.

Fifteenth Avenue, Meridian—G. C. Johnson, Mrs. G. C. Johnson, Moody Price, W. T. Rea.

South Side, Meridian—C. C. Dunn.

Seventh Avenue, Meridian—Miss Mollie Lumbley.

State Line—B. L. Burch.

Forty-First Avenue, Meridian—W. A. McCain, L. A. Duncan, C. E. Roberts, Mrs. Gertie Matthews, Mrs. E. D. Roberts.

DeSoto—Jno. M. Carmichael.

Harmony—D. R. Red, Jr., A. J. Crane.

Pleasant Grove—B. F. Holland, D. G. Goodwin.

Pachuta—R. R. Rodges, R. C. Rodges.

Stonewall—F. M. Davis, L. C. Smith, J. D. Priester, W. E. Moffett.

Mt. Gilead—A. J. Pigford.

After hearing the above partial report, the Association went into the permanent organization by the election of Bro. W. J. David as permanent Moderator and C. E. Roberts as Clerk and Treasurer.

On motion, the amendment to Article 3 of our Constitution, offered by Bro. C. C. Dunn at the last session of the Association, which practically disfranchised visiting pastors, was considered.

On motion, the following amendment to the amendment was adopted:

Resolved, That article 3 of the Constitution be amended so as to read as follows:

"Members of the Association may be of three classes—delegates, pastors of churches holding membership in the Association and messengers. The first and second classes only shall have the right to vote and to produce evidence of their appointment by the churches, which they propose to represent before being entitled to seats.

On motion, the associational sermon was set for 11:30 o'clock, a. m., instead of 11 a. m.

On motion, the visiting brethren were invited to seats with us.

Bro. R. S. Gavin, from Quitman, Bro. J. N. Hall, from Mobile, and Bro. W. D. Bosdell, also of Mobile, were recognized.

Motion prevailed to appoint usual committee with the addition of one on the B. Y. P. U. work, with Bro. R. S. Gavin as chairman, and one on the Twentieth Century movement.

On call for churches who wished to unite with this Association, the Union Baptist church, of Roy, Miss., presented itself.

On motion, this church was accepted and the delegates allowed seats with us.

Moderator appointed the following committees:

Finance—C. F. Woods, J. D. Priester, D. R. Red.

Devotional—J. W. Tucker, F. M. Davis, L. A. Duncan, J. Summeral.

The appointment of other committees was deferred until the afternoon session.

The hour having arrived for the associational sermon, Bro. G. C. Johnson, of Fifteenth Avenue, church, Meridian, addressed the Association, using Romans, 1:16. Subject: "The power of the Gospel."

At the close of the sermon, the address of welcome was

delived by Bro. W. J. David, pastor of Stonewall church, and responded to by Bro. J. A. Hackett. of Meridian, Miss.

On motion, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That the sessions of this body be held as follows: From 9 a. m. to 12 o'clock m., and from 2 to 5:30 p. m.; from 7:30 to adjourn at pleasure.—C. C. Dunn.

On motion, session adjourned at 1 o'clock p. m. to reassemble at 2:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2:30 p. m. Song by choir and prayer by Bro. J. O. Crawford.

Moderator appointed the following committees:

Baptist Young People's Union—R. S. Gavin, W. A. McCain, J. O. Crawford.

Sustentation—G. C. Johnson, J. F. Martin, H. H. Chattam, C. L. Smith.

Publications—C C. Dunn, J. M. Beard, Moody Price, F. M. Gray, C. A. Gartin.

Digest of Letters—W. H. Patton, L. A. Duncan, B. J. Carter.

Twentieth Century Movement—J. A. Hackett, J. D. Cook, R. S. Gavin, W. L. Brunson, Sr., A. J. Crane.

State Missions—J. D. Cook, T. J. Woodward, D. G. Goodwin, B. L. Burch, J. Summerall.

Home Missions—J. A. Hackett, F. M. Gray, J. W. Martin, C. J. O'Gwynn, R. F. Gartin.

Foreign Missions—W. D. Bosdell, J. O. Crawford, T. M. Harper, W. T. Rea, W. R. Tatum.

Woman's Work—C. F. Woods, A. J. Pigford, G. C. Johnson, W. E. Moffet.

Orphanage—W. A. McCain, B. F. Holland, John M. Carmichael, F. M. Davis.

Colportage—J. M. Phillips, J. W. Tucker, C. C. McNeal, L. A. Duncan.

Sunday-Schools—L. A. Duncan, J. Summerall, W. L. Brunson, Sr.

Temperance—W. H. Patton, R. R. Rogers, A. J. Pigford, W. L. Brunson, Jr., W. J. Stallings.

Nominations—C. C. Dunn, W. J. Busby, C. C. McNeal, R. T. Crawford, Rederic Rogers.

On motton, 4 o'clock this afternoon was set to hear the report on Temperance.

Committee on State Missions made the following report, which was, after discussion, read and adopted :

STATE MISSIONS.

State Missions, or our work at home, is the foundation upon which all our missions rest. In fact, all the great and glorious things that we attempt for our Redeemer's Kingdom are dependent upon the interest and activity taken in our home work. It is very much like a woman's work, "it is never done." That is, the end is not yet in sight.

During the year the Board has employed, for a whole or a part of their time, seventy-five men. Two of these are laboring within the bounds of this Association—one in Meridian and the other here at Stonewall.

We take from the State Convention Minutes of July, 1900, the following: "Many of our towns have in contemplation the erection of cotton factories, planing mills, and other manufacturing plants which will add thousands to our population, and make demands for an increase of spiritual opportunities that we ought not to be slow in recognizing nor unwilling to supply. The new Mississippi, girding herself for an era of unexampled growth in all manufacturing interests, will lay tribute especially on Baptists to meet the spiritual needs of her operatives at the loom, at the saw, at the planing mill, at the foundry, at the forge, at the glazier's bench, in railroad work-shops and among railroad men, as well as among those who wear soft clothing and are in king's houses. To the churches as now constituted and officered is the problem of maintaining that supremacy which we have held as a people for the years agone, and which we should transmit in increasing measure to the New Century."

We recommend that we pledge the Board and its faithful Secretary our most hearty co-operation in all the work which may be undertaken.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. COOK, Ch'n,
T. J. WOODWARD,
D. G. GOODWIN,
B. L. BURCH,
J. SUMMERALL.

On motion, the speakers on reports were limited to twenty minutes for chairman making such report, and ten minutes for each of the others, unless by consent of the Association.

The hour for hearing the Temperance committee report having arrived, it was called, but the chairman yielded five minutes to Bro. Johnson was allowed five minutes to read his report on Sustentation; said report was tabled subject to call.

Brother W. H. Patton, as chairman of Temperance Committee, made the following report which was adopted as read, after discussion.

TEMPERANCE.

We take the position that Christians should take an uncompromising stand for prohibition. Total abstinence and the enforcement of all laws on the statute books. The legalized liquor traffic has its sufferance from Christian voters. If two-thirds of those naming the name of Christ and having their names on the church records were as true to their professed Master, Jesus Christ, as the liquor dealer is to his master, the devil, there would not be a legalized saloon in the United States.

Only a year ago, when the Brewer's Convention met in Detroit, Michigan, to map out the line of work for another year, the President of the great combine said if the Christians were to unite against us we would be voted out of the United States.

Every sane man of principle believes the liquor traffic to be the great evil of our land, its greatest curse; every well informed man knows that the accursed traffic is the life-giving artery of political corruption and poisons the National Democratic and Republican parties with the venom of its influence.

Interested as it is in power, means and influence, backed by the corruption and greed of wicked men, good men are in danger of being dismayed at the bold and unbroken front, but if good men will be faithful and bold and brave, God will give the victory to his people and overthrow the traffic.

Saloons are placed on the principal streets of our cities by church members. You cannot deny it, for the majority are professing Christians, and the majority voted them there and set them up in business.

Let it be the watchword with Christians all over the land that none but sober, moral and competent men shall ever receive a vote from them for any office.

They should enquire into the moral qualifications of every candidate, from President of the United States down to constable and make no exception. No one should be elected to any office of trust who drinks or will not use all honorable means in their power to exterminate the soul-destroying evil. Should not Christians vote as they pray? Look into the homes made desolate; see the reeling drunkard devoid of his reason. See our boys serving their apprenticeship in this downward road, and shall we not carry prohibition into politics? We have local option and it has been voted out of all but thirteen counties in this State. We should now have constituional prohibition.

"That is a godless soul," said the oloquent Robert Hall, "that is not concerned with God's quarrels." Shall we be dumb in the presence of the murderer of 80,000 human beings every year? Shall we be bribed into silence for the sake of the good will or patronage, or votes of King Alcohol? Shall we confess to be on the Lord's side and compromise with the mother of evils. Satan's best friend? God forbid—"He that is not for me is against me." When a church member would so far forget himself as to bring reproach upon the church and destroy his influence for good by sending off for a jug during the Christmas holidays (or any other time as for that matter), he should be shown the evil arising from it, and if persisted in should be excluded. It is wrong to use it as a beverage, and churches to be consistent, must discipline those who use it in that way. It is not the quantity that is used but the purpose for which it is used that involves guilt. It cannot be the quantity, for the church cannot base the administration of its discipline on such an uncertainty—some can drink a pint while others could take but one drink.

Some whiskey has more tobacco and opium in it, consequently will sooner dethrone reason. The same principle is involved in the use of a teaspoonful as a beverage that there is in a gallon.

Those who can drink in moderation and not become intoxicated do more harm than the drunkard in the gutter. The saloon sympathizers keep these men consistantly before the young men of our land as living evidence that some men can drink in moderation and not become intoxicated. Picture to a young man who is only taking the social glass where he will be from five to ten years, should he not abstain tetotally, he will refer you to his uncle, grand father, or some one who always kept it on his sideboard and had his toddy three times a day and never was seen intoxicated. When the father drinks in the presence of his son, when the mother has wine on the table, when blooming youth, maiden in all her loveliness tips the bowl (in the bottom of which lies the tempting draft), and presents it to him who is to be the sharer of

her joys and sorrows, the monster whispers beware! beware! listen to the voice; heed its warnings; banish forever from your table, your house "that which biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder."

There should be a better enforcement of the laws we have. Christian people depend on the laws enforcing themselves, when it is their duty to testify against public sins. Make affidavits against "blind-tiger" men, and send the name of those who belittle themselves by buying illicit liquor to the foreman of the grand jury.

When things go wrong in any community, it is usually the men of influence who are responsible for it.

When we tolerate immoralities which we could break up we virtually become responsible for them.

At the last session of the State Convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, they declared for State Prohibition, and Mrs. H. B. Kelly, the State President, will make a canvass of the State, organizing unions, to work for it. In the report for Prohibition at the last session of the Mississippi Baptist State Convention, they reaffirmed our pledge to State and National prohibition and resolved that a committee of nine be appointed by the President of the Convention, selecting one from each circuit court district Judge J. B. Chrisman, Ch'n to take such steps as they may deem proper, in procuring State prohibition at the next regular meeting of our State Legislature. It could be enacted at the short session if our Christian Governor would recommend it in his message to the Legislature. At the last session they enacted very stringent and far-reaching laws with the view of breaking up the illicit sale of liquor for which we are grateful. We urge all law abiding citizens to aid in the enforcement of all laws on our statute book. We recommend that the following protest be reaffimed:

1st. Against that policy of our national government known as the Federal Tax of Intoxicating Liquors, whereby this government and every citizen possessed of the right of suffrage, as an integral part of the government, is made a partner in the liquor business.

2nd. Against the policy of our national government in the issuance of Federal Privilege Tax to dealers in prohibited districts, thereby encouraging crime and the violation of the State laws.

We also recommend that the following resolutions be re-affirmed:

1st. That the sense of this Association is, if a church member visit a saloon, sign whiskey petitions, go on bonds of whiskey sellers, vote for the sale or in any way countenance or encourage the traffic of intoxicating liquors, it is conduct unworthy of a christian and should be brought under church discipline.

2nd. That we will withdraw from any church and refuse to receive any church failing or refusing to enforce discipline as set forth in the foregoing resolutions.

Resolved, That we urge our Chief Executive of the United State to use his high prerogatives as commander-in-chief of our army and navy to abolish the infamous canteen system from every army post and naval station under the control of our government and in territories and islands which are under our protection. Also to suppress the social evil that flourishes to an alarming extent in Manilla under sanction and supervision of American authorities.

W. H. PATTON.

Devotional Committee reported the following programme for services:

Bro. G. C. Johnson at Methodist church to-night 7:30.

Sunday, 9 a. m., Bro. L. A. Duncan will occupy one hour with his "black-board" lecture.

11 a. m., Bro. R. S. Gavin at the Baptist church. Bro. J. D. Cook at the Methodist church at the same hour.

W. A. McCain at the Methodist church at 7:30 p. m.

On motion, 10 a. m., Sunday, was set to consider the report on Woman's Work.

On motion, 2:30 p. m. was set to hear the report of Committee on twentieth century movement.

On motion, session adjourned at 5:45 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

Devotional services at 7:35 p. m., led by Bro. E. A. Clarke.

Bro. Bosdell, as Chairman of the committee on Foreign Missions, submitted the following report, which was discussed and adopted:

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

While we are busy with the work of our Association and State, we should not forget the command of our Lord, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." It is quite clear that we, as a denomination, have not passed by, with indifference, that cause which lay so near the great heart of Christ—saving a lost world.

If there is anything that shines out through the life of Christ, it is His intense love for Foreign Missions. He left His home in Glory and came to a world of sin and ruin. He began his work in Jerusalem but it went out to sweeten the world. His last message to the apostles was, "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations" and "lo! I am with you always." In less than thirty years these apostles had carried the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

We, as Baptists, believe in Christ and feel that "if we have not the spirit we are none of His. "Therefore, with the spirit of Christ, we can but love those nations teeming with millions of lost souls groping in darkness. Had it not been for Foreign Missions (for the Gospel began to be preached at Jerusalem), we would have been in heathenism to-day. We feel profoundly grateful for this light and liberty of the children of God, and live and labor under the coviction of an obligation to bear this banner of God's love to all benighted lands. We, as a denomination in the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention, with our hearts bleeding for lost souls, have combined our efforts and means and are doing mission work in China, Japan and Africa, Italy, Brazil and Mexico.

Italy, Brazil and Mexico are papal fields, i. e., fields in which Roman Catholicism predominates. This year has been the most prosperous in the history of papal mission. We have, by the mercies of God, been able to greatly enlarge our work in these three fields, and the Lord has wonderfully blessed us. Japan, Africa and China are pagan fields, i. e., fields where heathenism reigns. The work in these fields is very encouraging. We have been able to enlarge our work in these fields also. More convertions are made than ever before, and better progress along all lines. The work in China alone has been arrested. Some have very falsely charged the missionaries with being responsible for the international trouble now existing in that great Empire. No well informed person would be guilty of so grave a misrepresentation. God will overrule all for His glory, and we, knowing the Lord, should be more faithful in the performance of our duty in supporting this field.

We urge upon the pastors of this Association to preach more on this subject. We should know that if we are followers of Christ we should support this work with our money, prayers and good will. We who fail to contribute of our means to this cause, neglect a work the most fruitful in Christian efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. BOSDELL, Ch'n,
W. R. TATUM,
J. O. CRAWFORD,
W. T. REA,
T. M. HARPER.

Bro. W. A. McCain, as Chairman of the Orphanage Committee, submitted the following report:

ORPHANAGE.

Your committee believe that there is no report that will come before this body that is of more importance than that on the "home."

God tells us to "go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." He also said "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and the widows in their afflictions and keep himself unspotted from the world."—James 1:27.

"A Father to the fatherless is God in His holy baptism."—Psalms 68:5.

"Leave thy fatherless children, I will preserve them alive; let thy widows trust in me."—Jeremiah 49:11.

God has promised to preserve alive and through human instrumentality provide for these fatherless and homeless children. It was not until six years ago that the Baptists of Mississippi realized the great importance of a Home where they might provide for these unfortunate children. We have a home located at Jackson, Miss., consisting of 112 acres of land, houses, printing outfit, fences, live stock and farming implements, aggregating $14,000.

In these six years, there have been received in the Home 65 children of which 35 are still in the Home, one dead and 32 left.

As to health, the general health of the children has been good while there have been several cases of typhoid fever and an epidemic of measles in which there were 25 cases, but only a few seriously sick. Little Roy Petty, age four years, died April 12th, 1900.

During the early part of 1900, there was an epidemic of small pox in and around Jackson, but by close attention this was kept out of the home, but a few cases of varioloid. Dr. F. L. Fulghum has been kind in giving his service free.

Owing to the distance, the children cannot be carried regularly to church, but they have Sunday-school each Sunday in the Home. Dr. Frost has kindly furnished literature for this purpose. Two of the children have accepted Christ. The children attend public schools in Jackson.

During the year ending June 1st, there has been received in cash $5,338.24, and boxes valued at $1,000. What the Home needs: first of all, is a well of water on the ground. The State committee raised $1,005.50 for this purpose. They need a large building, more room. Some money has been sent for this purpose. It is the opinion of your committee that the more the people know of the home the more they will become interested in the work. We recommend the Orphan Gem which will give the workings of the home.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. McCAIN,
J. M. CARMICHAEL,
F. M. DAVIS,
B. F. HOLLAND.

During the discussion of this report, a collection was taken for the Orphans' Home, at Jackson, amounting to $13.25.

On motion, report was adopted as read.

Moderator appointed the following as a Committee on Education: E. L. Carter, R. S. Gavin, J. A. Holder.

On motion, session adjourned at 10 o'clock p. m. to reassemble at 9 a. m., the 23rd inst.

SECOND DAY, SUNDAY—Morning Session.

Devotional services by Bro. J. O. Crawford. Scripture, Luke 12:16-35.

The hour having arrived for Bro. Duncan to deliver his lecture, he was given the floor, but ceded a few minutes to Bro. Patton, who spoke on the Sunday-school lesson.

At 9:45, Bro. Duncan took the floor to deliver his lecture. At 10 o'clock, the hour for the report on Woman's Work, Bro. Duncan was called to time, but, on motion, he was allowed to finish.

At 10:30 song by choir, during which those who wished were allowed to retire.

Bro. C. F. Wood, as Chairman of the Committee on Woman's Work ceded the Clerk five minutes in which to call the roll of delegates present and to obtain the names of those not already enrolled.

Roll call showed the following churches represented and by whom:

Fifteenth Avenue, Meridian—G. C. Johnson and wife. Moody Price and W. T. Rea.

South Side, Meridian—C. C. Dunn and wife, J. D. Cook, T. A. Gibson.

Seventh Avenue, Meridian—Miss Mollie Lumbley.

State Line—B. Burch.

Forty-First Avenue, Meridian—W. A. McCain, L. A. Duncan, C. E. Roberts, Mrs. E. D. Roberts, Mrs. Gertie Matthews.

Poplar Springs—R. F. Gartin, C. A. Gartin.

First Church, Meridian—J. A. Holder, B. J. Carter, E. L. Carter, C. F. Woods, J. A. Hackett.

DeSoto—J. M. Carmichael, A. J. Jones.

Harmony—A. J. Crane, D. R. Red, Jr.

Pleasant Grove—D. J. Goodwin, B. F. Holland.

Salem or Waynesboro—W. R. Tatum, Jos. Saxon, R. J. Crawford.

New Hope—F. M. Gray.

Hepzibah—W. J. Stallings.
Oak Grove—J. Summerall.
Shubuta—W. H. Patton, J. M. Beard, J. M. Phillips.
Mt. Gilead—A. J. Pigford.
Quitman—C. C. McNiel.
Mt. Zion—W. J. Busby, C. J. O'Gwynn.
Fairfield—J. Woodward, J. W. Martin, J. A. Shed, J. F. Martin.
Fair Mount—H. A. Chapman.
Concord—By letter.
Pachuta—R. C. Rogers; alternate, R. R. Rogers.
Stonewall—F. M. Davis, L. C. Smith, J. W. Tucker, W. E. Moffett, J. D. Priester.
Enterprise—T. L. Wainwright, H. R. Ward, W. H. Foster.
Clear Creek—By letter.
Buckatunna—By letter.
Union Church—W. L. Brunson, Jr., W. L. Brunson, Sr., J. M. Harper.
Big Creek—By letter.

Bro. Woods then read his report and requested Bro. J. A. Hackett to occupy his time in the discussion.

The hour for preaching having arrived, the discussion of this report was discontinued until after services and report tabled subject to call.

Bro. R. S. Gavin, of Quitman, occupied the preaching hour, using Zac. 4:6.—"Not by might nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord."

After preaching the Moderator called the session to order for the purpose of excusing the following brethren from further attendance: J. Summerall and A. J. Pigford.

On motion, session adjourned at 12:30 p. m. to re-assemble at 2:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotional services conducted by Bro. W. A. McCain, of Meridian.

Committee on Nominations submitted the following, which was tabled subject to call.

NOMINATIONS.

Your committee on Nominations beg leave to submit the following recommendations, to-wit: That the Association meet on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1901, at 10 o'clock a. m. at Buckatunna.

That J. D. Cook, of Meridian, preach the Associational sermon at 11 o'clock a. m. on the first day of the Association, and as alternate for preaching the Associational sermon, we recommend W. D. Bosdell.

That J. M. Phillips be appointed as delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, with R. S. Gavin as alternate.

That R. A. Venable, L. A. Duncan, W. H. Patton, C. F. Woods and J. D. Cook be appointed delegates to the State Convention. That the following members be appointed as Executive Committee to attend to any business of the Association between the sessions: W. H. Patton, Ch'n; J. A. Hackett, J. M. Phillips, E. B. McRaven, C. C. Dunn.

Respectfully submitted,

R. R. ROGERS,
WM. M. BUSBY,
C. C. McNIEL,
R. F. CRAWFORD.

Just at this point a collection was taken for the Colportage work, which resulted in $8.37.

Executive Committee submitted the following, which was adopted as read.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT.

Immediately after the appointment of the Committee, the Chairman asked that something be done to relieve the embarrassment of Brethren David and Duncan for ballances due them for books furnished colporters Ray and Phillips.

Pledges for collections and stipulated amounts were made; enough has been paid by the churches collected at fifth Sunday meetings with a collection of $8.37 to pay off the David debt and with a donation of ten dollars by Bro. Duncan to reduce his claim to $27.79.

Rev. J. M. Phillips was endorsed as colporter for the Association. Programmes were prepared for Dec. '99 and April, 1900, fifth Sunday meetings. The extreme cold weather at Waynesboro, in December, prevented a large attendance. The freshet prevented meeting at DeSoto in April. Owing to the ministers being engaged in protracted meetings, one could not be held in July. The close proximity to the Association none will be held in September. I refer you to the report on Colportage. by Bro. J. M. Phillips, for the work done the past year. No disposition has been made of the Vossburg church house. Bro. Venable was appointed to preach a sermon on the Destructive Principles of Baptists at this session. Brethren were appointed to write the usual reports. Last but not least the Sunday-school Institute of Friday, 21st, was quite a success, and we recommend that they be held one day in advance of the Association.

W. H. PATTON, Ch'n.

Committee on Publications reported as follows, which was adopted as read:

PUBLICATIONS.

The acknowledged potency of the printing press as a disseminator of information, and as an energizing agency of surpassing efficiency renders its products, and the use and character of same, a matter of supremest importance to the social, moral and religious world. No organization desiring to propagate its principles and to disseminate information can afford to ignore its benefits and to employ it as the best means of accomplishing desired and best results. At the same time the most critical scrutiny is required and discriminating care must be exercised in its use, lest this power become one of evil instead of good.

The charactor of a man's sentiment, thought and conduct depends in a large measure upon the kind of literature he reads. If he reads fiction, he becomes superficial; if he reads science, he become scientific; if he reads ethics, he become a moralist, etc. The cast of his political

and social and religious proclivities are invariably the result of the pabulum of his literature. The more he reads the more pronounced are his views, and the more intense is his partisanship. This principal asserts itself with equal or greater force in religious and denominational matters. Therefore as an evangelical denomination we must judiciously use the press as a means of upholding our denominational interests and extending its influence, and at the same time as Christians we must assiduously repel the deleterious influences which flow from this great factor in human affairs. The avenues for both, good and evil, from this source, are so multifarious that nothing short of unrelenting vigilence will enable the denomination to profit by the one class, and avert injury by the other. We cannot, with propriety, go into detail in this discussion, but we appeal to pastors, and other zealous watchers on the wall, to hold up the good and decry the evil with such discrimination and caution as that the Kingdom of our Lord will be extended, and the domain of the enemy correspondingly abated by this mighty and increasing power.

We specially commend the Baptist, our State paper, the Foreign Mission Journal, and the Home Field and Orphanage Gem to our people as being indispensable to every Baptist who desires to be informed as to the affairs of our work and progress at home and abroad. We endorse the Sunday-school literature of the Sunday-school Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and urge its use in the Sunday-schools.

W earnestly request the ladies' societies to use their efforts in placing our denominational publications, especially those above mentioned, and the publications of the American Baptist Publication Society, of Philadelphia, Penn., in the homes of our people by means of Clubs, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. DUNN,
MOODY PRICE,
F. M. GRAY,
J. M. BEARD,
C. A. GARTIN.

On motion, Finance Committee's report tabled subject to call.

Committee on Education submitted the following which, after being discussed, was adopted as read:

EDUCATION.

Certainly much need not be said on the subject of general education. In this day of enlightenment and progress, the necessity of education is about universally admitted, and there is a general agreement as to what education is. Very few will dissent from the following definition. Education is the development of the whole man, body, mind and spirit to the highest possible efficiency. He is best educated whose physical, mental and spiritual faculties are so trained as to see most clearly the duties and responsibilities devolving upon him as a rational and accountable creature, and who can best meet the one and discharge the other, as becometh him who must give account. It follows, then, says one, that in educating, respect should be had to preparation for this world and that which is come. Most assuredly, if the definition given of education be correct, this conclusion is inevitable. What care then should be exercised in the selection of those to whom the education of youth is entrusted. Only to the decidedly religious should so important a trust be committed, because there can be no true education without piety, and how can he educate another who is himself uneducated? What we want, therefore, are converted men and women in charge of our schools; and not to do what one can, to insure this, is to criminally jeopardise the best interests of the young.

When we speak of ministerial education, we mean in general terms, the training of those who are called of God to preach the Gospel. The idea is, first, a divine call and then the use of the means for the greatest efficiency and usefulness. That a minister who is educated with direct reference to his vocation, is better prepared to discharge the functions of his sacred office than one who is not, is not an open question.

Ministers without special training can do and have done much good in the world, but the more education along right lines that one has, whose heart is in his work, the greater the amount of good he can do. The demand then is for an educated ministry, and interest and duty equally require us to assist in proportion to our ability, those ministers, who are without personal ability to provide themselves with the best means to properly equip themselves for their high calling. Let us insist on their attending our denominational schools, where Theology in general and Homoletics in particular are taught, and let us help them to help themselves in every way that tends to make them able ministers of the New Testament.

We are under special obligations to assist young ministers who are at Mississippi College, as it is the school of Mississippi Baptists, and the Seminary at Louisville, Ky., as it is under the auspices of the Southern Baptist Convention. We deem ministers' Institutes valuable auxiliaries to Bible study and recommend them to our ministers generally.

Our State Board of Ministerial Education assisted last year at Mississippi College 24 ministerial students. It reports all expenses paid but an exhausted treasury. Seventeen applications for assistance for the coming session have been received so far.

Our further contributions to this fund are needed, of course. We can assure all that the Board is careful to help these men without impairing their manhood.

We recommend that Bro. W. E. Farr be commended to the Board of Ministerial Education of Mississippi College as being worthy of the benefits conferred upon ministerial students by the Board.

Very respectfully,

E. L. CARTER,
R. S. GAVIN,
J. A. HOLDER.

Bro. Woods, in his speech on this report, raised the sum of $75.00 to be placed in the hands of Bro. W. T. Lowry for the purpose of assisting some ministerial student whom he may deem worthy, the same to be returned to Bro. Lowry as soon as possible after his (the student's) education, and to be used again and again in a like manner under the same conditions thus forming a perpetual fund.

The following brethren subscribed to this fund: C. F. Woods, E. L. Carter, W. H. Patton, T. A. Gibson, C. C. Dunn, M. W. Buckley, J. W. Tucker, W. A McCain.

On motion, the time for adjournment was extended ten minutes to allow Bro. Woods to discuss his report on Woman's Work.

On motion, this report was called for, discussed and adopted as follows:

WOMAN'S WORK.

A momentary contemplation of the subject before us, is sufficient to impress every thoughtful person with the stupendous undertaking it would be to report on Woman's Work, without some kind of limitation

or qualification. There are few themes upon which more could be truthfully written; there are few upon which more has been written.

Woman's work, when contemplated in all of its fulness and vastness, as it appears in evidence all along the line, from the lair of the savage to the homes of the great, the brave and the good, as it expresses itself in the guiding, moulding and controlling influence of society, or as the gentle but powerful spirit that leads or inspires the forces of the home circle, reveals to us that in all the univense there is no more powerful or more pervading force, save that exercised by the Creator Himself.

These thoughts but impress upon us how impossible it will be, both from a lack of ability and time to do else than merely *touch* upon some phases of Woman's Work, the most appropriate being her work in the church, which, of itself, is susceptible of many divisions, a few of which we propose to name and comment upon.

Woman's Work in the pulpit, on the platform, in the Sunday-School, in the prayer-meeting, in the Aid Societies, Missionary Societies and in the pew. PULPIT! We do not believe in women preachers and think that our influence should be exercised in moulding religious thought against it. It neither benefits the woman or the cause, and in our opinion lowers the public respect for both.

ON THE PLATFORM. Equally unfavorable is our report on women as lecturers before mixed assemblies, on spiritual or any other subjects.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL. In the Sunday-School, her patient, pains-taking labor, her ready sympathy and masterful tact, her godly example and unshakable faith make her a power for good that only the records kept in Heaven will reveal.

PRAYER-MEETING. If it were not for the interest manifested by woman in the prayer-meetings, most of our churches would have to discontinue them. It is largely through their presence and prayers, their songs and sympathy that these services came to be, and continue to be one of the great sustaining forces of the church.

AID SOCIETIES. It is our opinion that every church should have a Ladies' Aid Society, and we think that every minister should encourage, in every way, such an organization in all of his churches. Neither time nor space will permit us to go into detail, giving the number of ways in which a society of this kind can serve the church in making the rough places smooth in adding to the comforts, conveniences and beauty of the house of God, the condition of which, by the way, is generally a fair exponent of the religious spirit of the community.

MISSIONARY SOCIETIES. In touching upon these last two divisions, that of Woman's Work in the Missionary Societies and in the pew, we are somewhat at a loss how to proceed. In both of these places she is needed most, if such a thing is possible, more than in all other places, and here too, is where she is at her best, and yet the feeling comes over us as we read reports from the various meetings, that the great object for which we are all striving for is not being obtained. Mrs. Stakely, in her address before the Society at Hot Springs says, "hardly more do the heathen need the gospel of life than do we women," and here we would add, "to rise to a higher, broader, diviner conception of that gospel."

There is no doubt that the women workers in apostolic times were powerful factors in advancing the cause of Christ, but it was as immediate and direct helpers of the apostle. We would not criticise: The work is great, and as our own land is being filled with its thousands of foreigners, who are out of harmony with our civilization and institutions, and the doors of the world are being opened day by day, wider and wider, to receive the mission work, the magnitude of the work surpasses our comprehension; so we would, in no way, hinder; yet as man and wife, as such, are more than twice as strong as either of them, to battle with the vicissitudes of life, so also do we believe that the closer relationship in this work would add strength and efficiency to

both men and women. The reports from all of the fields are favorable; more money has been raised and more societies are being organized than ever before. God does not want our money and our labor, if we give it simply because we are made to. The gold and the silver are His; the cattle upon a thousand hills are His. It is men's hearts that He wants, and this privilege of giving, he has granted us as one of the means of increasing our own strength and developing the possibilities of our own Christian characters. In the words of Miss Heck, as quoted by the President of the Missionary Society of our own State, at Jackson, "we would most earnestly impress upon all, that deep spirituality is the chief need of each local society, and of every large branch. Not information, good as it is; not regular contributions; not interesting meetings, but *revivals* must be the test of true growth. A society, whose membership is not growing in personal grace may well doubt its usefulness." Oh woman, great is your power; great is your capacity for usefulness. Through your weakness God has clothed you with an influence greater than all others. But it is when, and only when you stand in your God given place as the "help-meet" of man that you reign in all the majesty of your might and power.

Respectfully submitted,

C. F. WOODS,
A. J. PIGFORD,
G. C. JOHNSON,
W. E. MOFFETT.

On motion, Brethren C. F. Wood, E. L. Carter C. C. Dunn and J. W. Tucker were excused from further attendance at the Association.

On motion, session adjourned until 7:30 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

Devotional services conducted by Bro. W. A. Roper, 103rd Psalm being used.

Committee on Twentieth Century Movement submitted the following:

TWENTIETH CENTURY.

In compliance with the suggestion of the late Southern Baptist Convention, in Hot Springs, Ark., May, 1900, we recommend that in common with all Southern Baptists, the churches of our Association observe and celebrate the year, 1901, as a memorial year of thanksgiving and generous contribution for all the blessings God has bestowed on us in the past century. We would respectfully urge,

1. That a general meeting be held for this purpose within the bounds of our Association at each one of our fifth Sunday meetings during the year, and also in each one of our churches at least quarterly in which this subject should be freely and fully discussed before the people.

2. That in these meetings, large consideration be given to thanksgiving and praise to God for His great mercies and blessings to us as His people in giving us an able and faithful ministry of the gospel, in our large increase in numbers, in wealth and intelligence, in liberality, in piety, in influence and increased facilities for and large area in the world's evangelization.

3. That special efforts be made to inform our people as to our denominational life and history in the past century and also as to the methods and conducts of all our work.

4. That special and earnest efforts be made to induce all of our churches to adopt a system of instruction of giving that will reach all

of our members and thus make them give us their liberal and hearty co-operation.

5. That at each of these meetings an opportunity be given for contributions to be made to all of our work.

6. That our executive committee be requested to take the work in charge and see that an earnest effort be made to carry out these suggestions.

7. That our sisters be invited to co-operate in this good work through their societies and otherwise to the extent of their ability and opportunity.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. HACKETT,
J. D. COOK,
W. L. BRUNSON, Jr.,
R. S. GAVIN,
A. J. GRANE.

Bro. W. A. Roper, of Lebanon Association was recognized, and spoke on the report under discussion.

Just at this point a collection was taken for State Missions which amounted to ten dollars $10.00,

On motion, report adopted as read.

Committee on Sunday-schools reported as follows:

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

There is little encouragement to write a report for the Association on any subject. It is discussed before part of the delegates, perhaps, adopted and ordered printed in the minutes. As a general thing there it rests; for these days few read the minutes. Still, we are enjoined to "sow beside all waters."

The definition given of the Sunday-school, as "the church at work," is very unsatisfactory; for it is rarely a fact. In the first place, not many of the members take any part, and secondly, it is for study to prepare for "work." Paul instructs Timothy: 'Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed."

True, the church ought to be engaged in the Sunday-school as a department of its work, and go out therefrom to visit, talk and do for the Master. Simply to come and hear, is not obeying the gospel; the foundation of all Christian work is obedience to the Redeemer's last command: "Go ye, therefore, teach all nations," etc., and as the apostle James says, "be ye doers of the Word and not hearers only."

Thinking Christians, who "search the Scriptures" for their doctrine, are far more likely to learn the truth than those who go to them with their notions for confirmation. Bible schools, in a true sense, may be said to have existed from the time of Moses. They are not really of modern origin, nor a "new thing under the sun."

That Sunday-schools are a means of great good, will scarcely be denied; but they lose much of their efficiency by the seeming indifference of the churches and lack of consecrated teachers. It is a sad mistake for members to neglect attendance, either as teachers or scholars. They cannot thus relieve their responsibility.

Those churches that have Sunday Schools, imperfect as they may be, are quite certain to report growth in the various departments of church work. On the other hand, where nothing is done but gathering monthly to hear preaching, there is no little danger of the church having its candlestick removed. Every church should have a Sunday School, and can if they have the will. A start may be made with two—a scholar and a teacher.

This Association needs to "awake from its slumbers;" it is doing nothing directly and not much otherwise. In its midst are dead churches and destitute neighborhoods. And for this it is without

excuse. Preachers are not indispensable for organizing and keeping up Sunday Schools, nor to conduct prayer meetings. Indeed, it is not their special work.

Every Christian has some gift, and is responsible to God for its exercise. One of seven things is in reach of all—singing, praying, talking, visiting, encouraging, giving, living—each according to their ability; all to the glory of God and the advancement of His kingdom. Let us remember that "each must give account of *himself* unto God."

We recommend that Sunday School Superintendents be requested to observe Children's and Missionary Days, as suggested by the Secretary of the Sunday School Board, and the collections be given to the Orphan's Home.

L. A. DUNCAN,
J. SUMMERALL,
W. L. BRUNSON, Sr.

After discussion report was adopted as read.

On motion, clerk was instructed to notify Bro. Woods to turn over what cash he may have in hand of the Endowment Fund, together with unredeemed pledges to Bro. A. V. Rowe, Secretary of State Board. Cash to be used for the benefit of aged and infirm ministers, pledges to be returned to those who made them.

On motion, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered the Stonewall church and citizens of Stonewall for the royal manner in which the delegates, messengers and visitors have been entertained, and the Methodist brethren for the use of their house of worship.

W. H. PATTON.

On motion, rules were suspended and we adjourned to meet at 8:30 a. m., the 24th inst.

THIRD DAY—Morning Session.

Devotional services conducted by Bro. J. D. Cook, using 2nd chapter Phillippians.

Minutes of previous sessions read and by common consent of Association, adopted.

On motion, the Secretary of Sunday School Institute was instructed to furnish Clerk with a copy of the proceedings of the Institute, the same to be published in connection with Association minute.

On motion, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That the sum of twenty ($20.00) dollars be appropriated out of the general fund and be paid to the Clerk for services rendered.

2nd, That the Clerk be and is hereby instructed to have printed a sufficient number of minutes of the Association and distribute among the churches.

C. C. DUNN.

On motion, report on Sustentation was "called" from the table.

On motion, the rules were suspended and the time for speeches was cut to ten minutes for chairman of committee submitting report and to five minutes for all others.

On motion, the report on Sustentation was amended by striking out of the clause, "the life insurance craze," the words *the* and *craze*. The report adopted as given below:

SUSTENTATION.

Faith in God is the basis on which must rest the cause of Sustentation. And in proportion as this basis becomes personal, both as to the giver and the receiver, in that proportion will the work grow in favor with God and man.

But in this age of life insurance craze it is difficult for us, as a people, to view the cause of Sustentation from the standpoint basis of faith in God. For in this age of trusts and combines we live by sight rather than by faith. Self and selfish interests play too great a part in the motives prompting our actions and not enough of the teachings of God's Word.

The Word Says: "Ye ought to support the weak and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, It is more blessed to give than to receive."—Acts 20:35. "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them; for this is the law and the prophets."—Matt. 7:12. The great Teacher also said: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."—Matt. 22:39.

In some institutions of learning when an officer becomes time-worn by faithful and arduous labor, he is chosen to the position of Emeritus in that institution, receiving his annual support so long as he lives. The United States Government also supports her worn out soldiers and officers who served in her army and navy. Now if these institutions of human organizations thus care for their faithful and worn officers, how much more should the churches of our Lord Jesus Christ feel under obligations, and even duty bound, to support their faithful and time-worn servants?

We are glad to note that a few churches are thus engaged in this good work, but the number is very small. However, we wish to commend this example to other churches; for "Whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward."—Matt. 10:42. Of this, Jesus says: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me."—Matt. 25:40.

Respectfully submitted,

G. C. JOHNSON,
J. F. MARTIN,
H. A. CHAPMAN,
C. L. SMITH.

Colportage Committee submitted the following, which was adopted as read:

COLPORTAGE.

The Colportage work is an important factor in evangelizing and civilizing mankind. The primary object of the work is to furnish the Bible to those who have it not. The providing of other literature is of a secondaay nature. It is the entrance of God's Word that gives light. That Word is a lamp to the feet and a light to the path. Where it enters it gives light to the individual, the home, the community, the nation; and the uninversal introduction of it among men will result in

the glad Millennial day, when the wilderness and the solitary places shall be glad, and when the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose.

Many sections of this and other lands have received much of the Gospel light and Bible truth that they enjoy from the faithful Missionary Colporters, who have left homes and families and have gone out into the highways and hedges of the country, and into the streets and lanes of the towns and cities, that they might be the humble instruments in God's hands in holding forth the word of life to those who were groping in spiritual night.

While the work seems to have come to a standstill within our bounds, yet we rejoice in the fact that much has been accomplished since the work was begun some five years ago. Eternity alone will reveal the good accomplished by the silent influence of the hundreds of Bibles, Testaments and other good books that have been distributed among the people within our borders through the labors of Brethren R. A. Breckinridge, C. S. Ray and J. M. Phillips, who, at different times, have been your representatives in the work.

It is even true that some sow and others reap, and those who sow and those who reap shall rejoice together. The Colporter is a seed-sower; he sows the incorruptible seed of God's word, which liveth and abideth forever. In the years to come a rich harvest will doubtless be gathered as a result of the Colportage work done in the bounds of this Association.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. PHILLIPS,
L. A. DUNCAN,
C. C. McNEIL.

Bro. J. M. Phillips submitted the following as his report as Colporter for the Association, which was accepted by the Association:

REPORT OF COLPORTER.

The writer having been endorsed by the Executive Committee to represent this Association in the Colportage work during the past Associational year, begs leave to report as follows:

He entered upon the work soon after the Association adjourned last fall and sold something over $100 worth of Bibles, Testaments and other religious literature, in a comparative short time. But when winter came on, his health not being good, he discontinued the work, hoping to resume it again in the spring. However, he was disappointed in this, as the spring floods swept away the bridges and the summer rains destroyed the crops in large measure, so that he has had but little heart or opportunity to do anything to speak of since last fall.

It is to be hoped, however, that what has been done, though under difficulties, may bear rich fruitage in the years to come, as we have the assurance that God's word shall not return unto Him void, but that it shall accomplish that which He pleases.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. PHILLIPS, Colporter.

Committee on Home Missions submitted the following, which, after discussion, was adopted:

HOME MISSIONS.

By Home Missions is meant the work assigned to the Home Mission Board of the S. B. C., which is to provide for the preaching of the gospel and establishing churches in all of the destitute placess in the Southern States, D. of C., Indian Territory, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Cuba. Within these bounds there is great destitution, and many people who are without the pure gospel and will never have it except from the Baptists.

Among these people are not only multitudes of our own native born Americans, but thousands of foreigners from all the lands who are without an adequate knowledge of God and the Christian's hope.

This vast destitution cannot be reached by any State Board in any State, hence the combination of all the States in the Home Board in an effort to give them the gospel.

What seems to be the duty of our Association in this matter is not only to give our earnest prayers and liberal contributions for the fullest accomplishment of this work, but to inaugurate a plan that will reach each one of our churches and each individual member of our churches, and induce them, if possible, to work and pray and give regularly and liberally for the same purpose.

Mississippi Baptists last year gave $3,204.00 to the Home Mission Board for this work, of which our Association gave only $58.90. This seems to be very little, when it is known that we have a sisterhood of thirty-one churches and a total membership of 2,731. Our whole contribution last year, apart from pastors' salary and home expenses, was $1,286.59, or about forty-five cents for each member. When it is remembered that at least one-third of our churches give little or nothing to this work, it is easy to see what an improvement could be made if all of them were interested at work. The liberality of some of our churches abound to the extent at least of $1.50 per capita. Suppose all of them could be induced to contribute as much. Don't you see that we would more than double our present gifts, and instead of the meagre $58.95 for Home Missions and for the salvation of the thousands within our own territory, there would be more than three times as much, or not less than $175.00, and to all other causes in proportion. We would affectionately urge each one of our pastors and churches to set on effort a system of contributing to the Lord's cause by monthly, bi-monthly or quarterly attentions, that the people be kept well informed as to our general work. The Home Field, the Home Board paper be freely circulated; that they occasionally have a sermon on Missions; that they send a fair proportion of their gifts to the Home Board for general home evangelization.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. HACKETT,
R. F. GARTIN,
J. W. MARTIN,
F. M. GRAY,
C. J. O'GWYNN.

On motion, the following was adopted.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered the Mobile and Ohio Railroad for their kindness in reduced rates to the delegates.

W. H. PATTON.

On motion, the report of Finance Committee was called from table and adopted. (See statistical table in back.)

Committee on B. Y. P. U. Work reported as follows, after discussion report adopted as read:

B. Y. P. U. WORK.

In the opinion of your Committee, no part of our denominational work is of more importance than that which deals with the interests of our young people. It is an important work, because the churches need trained workers. One of the saddest facts confronting us to-day is that there is a dearth of Christian workers in the Lord's vineyard. The fields have never been whiter than to-day, and yet there have never been more idle hands than now. The churches need workers more than they need members; they need workers more than they need money.

Christ is calling not so much for *ours*, but *us*. The successful worker is generally the worker who has been successfully trained. The admonition is, "Train a child up in the way he should go." Our good and great literary characters began their career in the nursery. Our great musicians have reached their success through much training. The straight tree is started while young. Early impressions are not only never forgotten, but their influences are never lost. He who trains the young, trains for eternity. Glorious thought! Appreciating the value of early training the Methodist denomination has organized, and is pushing the project to success, its Epworth League. The Presbyterians have their Endeavor Societies, and our Baptist churches have their B. Y. P. U's. But there is still another reason why this work is so important. The Romanist has said, "If you will give me your child for the first seven years, you can never make out of him other than a Catholic." The assertion is false, perhaps, but it emphasizes the fact that our boys and girls need right training. It is a false conception of life to suppose that it makes no difference how one is trained or what one believes, just so he is good. No training is safe but right training, and no belief should be tolerated but right belief. We recommend that all our churches give some special effort to organizing and maintaining a Young People's Union. We believe such efforts will be crowned with success. Bro. Arthur Flake, Winona, Miss., will be glad to correspond with any church or individual with reference to this movement.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

On motion, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That each member of the Association return home with determination to organize some system of giving that will result to the greatest good to the object fostered by this Association.

Resolved, That each church, composing this Association, give to their respective pastors the days on which this Association convenes.

On motion, Association adjourned *sine die*.

Prayer by Bro. J. A. Hackett.

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE'S REPORT FOR 1900.

Your committee reports the following contributions sent up by the churches and disbursements, as follows:

For contributions of each church see statistical table in back of minute.

Colportage,	$ 35 17
State Missions,	35 04
Home Missions,	16 76
Foreign Missions,	20 55
Mississippi College,	2 00
Sustentation,	20 70
Orphanage,	16 66
Associational Purposes,	57 45
Total,	$204 33
By amount handed C. E. Roberts, Treasurer,	$204 33

C. C. DUNN, Ch'n Com.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To cash from Finance Com., Sept. 1900,			$204 33
By check to A. V. Rowe,	$111	71	
By Clerk's fee,	20	00	
By stamps, stationery, drayage, etc.,	5	00	
By cash to W. H. Patton for David account,	32	86	
By cash to L. A. Duncan,	2	31	
By printing Minutes,	32	00	
Cash on hand,		45	
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DIGEST OF LETTERS.

Forty-First Avenue, Meridian: Reports six baptized; net loss of one. Church property, $2,500. Pastor W. A. McCain, $600. Missions church, $23.03; W. M. Society; $77 70. Other contributions and expenses, Church, $297.50, W. M. Society, $65.30. Woman's Missionary Society, Mrs. Gertrude A. Mathews, president; L. A. Duncan, senior superintendent; E. D. Roberts, superintendent. Has a B. Y. P. U. and Sunbeam Society, Miss Angie Lloyd and Mrs. A. J. Gressett.

Fifteenth Avenue: Baptisms, seven; increase of eight. Church property, $1,400. Pastor's home, $1,000. Paid Pastor G. C. Johnson, $600. Missions church, $28.40. W. M. S. $9 45. Other contributions and expenses, church, $8.40. W. M. Society, $92.85. Woman's Missionary Society, Mrs. W. N. Ethridge, president. Sunday School, G. W. Yarbrough, superintendent.

Fairfield: Reports thirteen baptized; decrease of two. Church property, $500. Paid pastor, Geo. W. Knight, $120. Mission, $2.25. Other contributions, $19.00. Sunday School, J. D. Martin, superintendent.

Harmony: Reports four baptisms; no increase. Church property, $500. Missions, $3.00. Paid pastor, J. A. Hackett, $45.00. Other contributions and expenses, $31.85. Sunday School, W. S. Dobbs, superintendent.

Hepzibah: Church property, $250. Paid pastor, R. W. Sumrall, $30.00. Missions, $4.95. Other contributions, $3 05. Sunday School, F. C. Stallings, superintendent.

Mt. Gilead: Baptized, 2; net loss, six. Church property, $500. Pastor, J. R. Farish, $100. Missions, $4.00. Other contributions and expenses, $26.00. J. M. Ross, superintendent Sunday School.

Mt. Zion: Net loss one. Church property, $300. Pastor, H. M. Mason, $100. Mission, $10.10. Other contributions, $4.50.

Meridian First: Baptized 5; net gain, fourteen. Church property, $30,000. Pastor's home, $7,000. Pastor's salary, $1,500. Missions, $600. Mission Board, $155. Other contributions and expenses, $1,594.92. Sunday School, superintendent, C. F. Woods. The above includes the work of six organizations of ladies and girls.

New Hope: Net loss, 4. Pastor, B. E. Lucas, $40 00. Mission, $2.00. Minutes, $1.00. No Sunday School reported.

Oak Grove: Net loss, one. Church property, $600. Pastor, H. A. Pickard, $60.00. Missions, $1.35. Other contributions and expenses, $13.68. J. Sumrall, superintendent Sunday School.

Seventh Avenue, Meridian: Net loss, four. Pastor, J. D. Cook, missionary. Missions, $4.96. Other contributions and expenses, $54.31. Woman's Missionary Society, Mrs. S. D. Welch, president. Has Sunday School, J. R. Fuller, superintendent. The work of the Ladies' Society is incorporated in foregoing.

South Side: Increase ten. Pastor, J. D. Cook, $260. Supplemented by Board, $400. Missions church, $12.13. W. M. Society, $10.00. Other contributions church, $30.14. Missionary Society, $5.00. Sunday School, $31.57. Woman's Missionary Society, Mrs. Dr. Phillips, president. G. E. Farr, superintendent Sunday School.

Pleasant Grove: Net loss, eleven. Church property, $200. Pastor, W. A. Roper, $50. Missions, $15. Other contributions, $9.10 No Sunday School reported.

Poplar Springs: Baptized four; net gain eleven. Pastor G. C. Johnson, afternoon service. Missions, 25 cts. Other contributions, $6.65. Union school and Missionary Society.

Pachuta: Baptized four; net loss, 8. Pastor, J. A. Hackett, $140. Missions, $6.00. Other contributions and expenses, $65.95. Sunday School, L. S. Hardee, superintendent.

Quitman: Net gain, five. Church property, $500. Pastor, Geo. W. Knight, $180. Missions, $16.75. Minutes, $2.50. Colportage, $3 00. Sunday School, J. L. Grundy, superintendent.

State Line: Baptized, ten; net gain ten. D. W. Bosdell, pastor, (recently.) Missions, $14.00. Other contributions and expenses, $37.62. Sunday School, Bruce Burch, superintendent. Without pastor nine months.

Shubuta: Net loss, six. Church property, $2,500. Pastor, J. A. Hacket, $200. Missions, church, $41.10. W. M. Society, $6.55. Sunday School, $42.20. Other contributions and expenses, church, $107.23. Missionary Society, $2.00. Sunday School, $41.67. Missionary Society, Mrs. Georgia D. Phillips, president. Sunday School, W. H. Patton, superintendent. Mission School, J. C. Spinks, superintendent.

Stonewall: Baptized, seventeen; gain, thirty-nine. Church property $2,000. Pastor, W. J. David, $250. Missions, $15.00. Other contributions and expenses, church, $2.14. Missionary Society, $50.00. Miss Lee Perryman, president, F. M. Davis, superintendent, Sunday School.

Salem, Waynesboro: Baptized, twenty-two; net gain, seventeen. Church property, $1,000. Pastor, W. J. David, $150. Other contributions and expenses, $14.59. W. M. Society, Sister Norsworthy, president. Sunday School superintendent, Geo. D. Hunter.

Union Church: Baptized, five; net loss, sixteen. Pastor, J. D. Stone. Missions, $22.36. Minutes, $2.50. Have Sabbath School; superintendent not named.

There have been 109 baptisms, 27 deaths, 27 exclusions, 24 report Sunday Schools, four none; fourteen show gain and eleven show loss. Twenty-eight churches show an increase of forty-two. Barnett, Chicora and Lauderdale fail to report. Lauderdale has not reported since 1895. Twelve report prayer meetings. Stonewall and Salem the banner churches for baptisms. Five have preaching every Sabbath; two twice a month and two have pastor's home.

Big Creek: Reports nine baptized, three deaths, three excluded, twenty erasures. Net loss, fifteen. Value church property, $500. Paid pastor, W. E. Fail, $45.00. Orphans, $25.00. General Fund, $4.00. Have a Sunday School, W. J. Hutto, superintendent.

Buckatunna: Reports four baptized; increase of ten. Church property, $1,500. Paid pastor, W. J. David, $175.00. Nothing for Missions. Building, visiting ministers and minutes, $27.00. Sunday School, superintendent, T. J. Johnson.

Concord: Baptized, 4; increase of three. Church property, $400. Pastor, J. M. Phillips, no stipulated salary. Missions, $3.00. Other expenses, $15.91. Sunday School, with D. T. Beard, superintendent, post-office, Diaz.

Clear Creek: No increase or loss. Church property, $150. Paid pastor, J. M. Phillips, $35.00. Orphan's Home and other contributions, $6.50.

DeSoto: Increase of one. Church property, $400. Pastor, J. D. Love, $85.00. Missions, $2.50. Other contributions and expenses, $75.26. Sunday School, Geo. B. Parker, superintendent.

Enterprise: Net loss, one. Pastor, J. A. Hackett, $200. Missions, $30.50. Other contributions and expenses, $48.00. Value church property, $500: Sunday School, M. W. Buckley, superintendent.

Fairmount: Net loss, eighteen. Pastor, W. Z. West, $36.00. Missions, $1.00. Minutes, $1.00. Sunday School, W. A. Atkinson, superintendent.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

J. D. Stone,
B. E. Lucas,
D. W. Bosdell,
W. A. McCain,
A. Gressett,
C. S. Kay,
G. W. Knight,
B. L. Stone,
J. R. Steinwinder,
J. A. W. Lowrey,
— McAllister,
W. A. Roper,
R. H. Shamburger,
J. M. Phillips,
E. A. Clark,
W. Z. West,
W. J. David,
Rufus Sumrall,
C. G. Johnson,
J. A. Hackett,
R. C. Gavin,
R. A. Venable,
J. D. Cook,
H. M. Mason,
A. G. Lowrey,
J. R. Farish,
W. E. Fails,
H. A. Bickard,
D. G. Robinson.

CHICKASAHAY ASSOCIATION.

DATE	PLACE	MODERATOR	CLERK	TREASURER	PREACHER	Members
1876 Dec. 2	Shubuta	W. D. Northrup	F. C. McGehee	M. E. Norris	W. D. Northrup	599
1877 Nov. 3	Enterprise	O. D. Bowen	"	F. C. McGehee	T. J. Walne	609
1878 Nov. 29	State Line	O. D. Bowen	"	J. P. Seabrook	O. D. Bowen	696
1879 Sept. 5	Shubuta	W. D. Northrup	"	F. C. McGehee	W. B. Crumpton	717
1880 " 3	Meridian	J. W. Bozeman	"	"	J. M. Phillips	634
1881 " 2	Quitman	W. D. Northrup	"	"	J. W. Bozeman	581
1882 " 22	Buckatunna	J. M. Phillips	"	"	W. West	778
1883 " 28	Enterprise	J. W. Bozeman	"	"	W. H. Carroll	932
1884 " 26	Shubuta	"	"	"	J. W. Bozeman	1013
1885 " 25	Ellsville	"	"	"	L. M. Stone	1054
1886 " 24	Quitman	"	"	"	J. W. Bozeman	1339
1887 " 23	Heidelberg	"	W. M. Conner	W. M. Conner	L. E. Hall	1502
1888 " 21	Hattiesburg	S. O. Y. Ray	"	"	T. S. Powell	1770
1889 " 27	Waynesboro	J. W. Bozeman	"	"	J. B. Gambrell	2018
1890 " 26	Ellisville	"	"	"	J. A. Hackett	2350
1891 " 25	Meridian	"	"	"	G. W. Knight	5316
1892 " 22	Shubuta	"	O. D. Bowen	J. P. Meyer	J. A. Hackett	2426
1893 " 21	Sandersville	"	"	J. F. Parker	A. V. Rowe	2435
1894 " 20	Enterprise	"	"	"	C. G. Elliott	2644
1895 Oct. 3	Pachuta	L. M. Stone	J. S. Hardee	C. F. Woods	R. A. Venable	2336
1896 " 1	Mt. Gilead	"	"	J. S. Hardee	W. J. David	2281
1897 Nov. 27	Quitman	"	"	"	R. A. Venable	2233
1898 Sept. 24	South Side Merid	R. A. Venable	"	"	J. A. Hackett	2500
1899 " 23	Fairfield	"	"	"	R. A. Venable	2731
1900 " 22	Stonewall	W. J. David	C. E. Roberts	C. E. Roberts	G. C. Johnson	2811

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. The name of this body shall be the Chickasahay Baptist Association.

ART. 2. Its object shall be the promotion of the Redeemer's Kingdom, by the concentration of Christian labor; the inculcation of Bible Truth and the cultivation of friendly intercourse among the churches.

ART. 3. Members of the Association may be of three classes—delegates, pastors of churches holding membership in the Association and messengers. The first and second classes only shall have the right to vote and to produce evidence of their appointment by the churches, which they propose to represent before being entitled to seats.

ART. 4. Each church belonging to the Association shall be entitled to two delegates until its membership shall exceed fifty and an additional delegate for each fifty thereafter, provided that ministers who are members of any such churches but supply other pulpits may be appointed as additional delegates above the regular quota.

ART. 5. The Association shall only have the power of an advisary council and shall in no wise infringe upon the rights or independence of the churches.

ART. 6. No queries shall be considered by the Association unless regularly sent up through the churches, nor shall difficulties between the churches be discussed until other methods of settlement have been tried without avail.

ART. 7. The Association shall meet annually, or may be agreed upon; and after enrolling the names of the delegates, proceed by ballot to the election of the Moderator and Clerk, who shall be ex-officio Treasurer of the Association.

ART. 8. The duties of the various officers shall he similar to those of all deliberate bodies, and Mill's Parliamentary Manual shall be the basis of all decisions of order.

ART. 9. Churches holding the Articles of Faith adopted by this body may become members of the Association by a unanimous vote, and letters of dismissal may be obtained without assigning a reason therefor, by a concurrence of a majority, while the Association claims the right of withdrawing from such churches as it shall deem heterodox or disorderly.

ART. 10. The Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting of the Association by a vote of three-fourths of the delegates present; provided the proposed alteration or amendment shall have been submitted at the session immediately preceeding.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1st. We believe in one God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost—equal in power and Glory.

2nd. We believe that the Scripture of the Old Testament and New were written by the inspiration of God, and are the only rule of faith and practice.

3rd. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, of total depravity and of man's inability to restore himself to the favor of God.

4th. We believe that God chose His people, in Jesus Christ, before the foundation of the world, and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

5th. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Christ only.

6th. We believe that the Gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the truth; and He has commanded it to be preached to every creature, therefore all are required to obey.

7th. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith and the only evidence of justification; and that all believers will abound therein from a principle of love.

8th. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, the just and the unjust; the general judgment, and the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9th. We believe that a visible church of Christ is composed of faithful persons only who have covenanted to keep up a discipline agreeable to the New Testament.

10th. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only law-giver of His church and that the government is with the church, each member having equal right therein.

11th. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the ordinance of the church, and are to be continued until the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

12th. We believe that immersion alone is Baptism and can be administered only by those duly set apart by the church and that believers in Christ are the only proper subjects for the ordinance.

13th. We believe that regularly baptized believers only have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1st. All meetings of this Association shall be opened with prayer, and closed with prayer or benediction.

2nd. The officers of the Association shall hold their positions until successors are chosen.

3rd. The Moderator shall preside, or some brother whom he may designate while speaking, and shall preserve order; his decision being final, unless an appeal is immediately made to the body.

4th. It shall be in order for male delegates and messengers only to discuss questions or speak publicly in the sessions of the body, and only one member shall speak at a time who shall rise and address the Moderator.

5th. No member shall be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject under discussion, or uses personal reflection.

6th. Every motion made and seconded shall be put to a vote, unless withdrawn by the mover.

7th. After allowing due time for debate, all questions taken up shall be disposed of before any other motion can be entertained.

8th. No member shall speak more than once upon the same subject without permission of the Association, nor shall any practice be tolerated which interrupts speaking.

9th. Members shall use the term, brother, when speaking of each other, and shall be rebuked by the Moderator for violation of these rules.

10th. These rules may be altered or amended at any annual meeting by a two-third vote of the members present.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	POSTOFFICE.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	Baptized.	By Letter.	Restored.	Excluded.	Dis. by Letter.	Deceased.	Dropped.	Total Membership.	Sunday School Scholars.	Officers and Teachers.	Pastor's Salary.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Mississippi College.	Ministerial Education.	Visiting Ministers.	Sustentation.	Orphanage.	Church Expenses.	Sunday School Expenses.	Miscellaneous.	Associational Purposes.	Colportage.	Relief of Poor.	Total.
Big Creek	Waynesboro	W. E. Fails	D. A. Hutto	9	3	..	3	1	3	20	112	30	6	$ 40 00	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 25 00	$	$ 10 00	$ 4 00	$ 2 10	$	$	$ 81 10
Buckatunna	Buckatunna	W. J. David	J. C. Ellis	4	6	..	..	..	..	..	95	29	5	175 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	177 00
Concord	Diaz	J. M. Phillips	Jesse Carter	4	2	..	..	3	..	..	41	58	5	.....	.....	1 50	1 50	.....	.....	10 50	.....	1 41	.....	.....	.....	1 50	2 50	.....	18 91
DeSoto	DeSoto	J. D. Stone	G. B. Parker	...	3	..	..	2	..	..	60	45	7	85 00	.....	.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....	2 45	8 40	59 66	6 60	.....	2 25	2 50	.....	169 36
Enterprise	Enterprise	J. A. Hackett	H. R. Ward	...	4	..	..	2	3	..	70	75	5	200 00	24 50	6 00	.....	5 00	.....	12 50	.....	5 00	40 00	.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....	278 50
Fairfield	Eucutta	G. W. Knight	T. J. Woodward	13	2	1	..	8	..	..	99	25	4	120 00	2 79	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	141 79
Fairmount	Shubuta	W. T. West	H. A. Chapman	...	...	1	11	5	3	..	52	20	5	36 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 80	.....	1 00	.....	.....	40 80
Fifteenth Avenue	Meridian	G. C. Johnson	J. B. Walthall	7	6	..	2	10	1	..	213	125	12	600 00	.....	4 25	33 60	.....	.....	48 00	.....	21 01	748 41	.....	25 20	2 50	2 50	8 17	1493 64
Forty-first Avenue	Meridian	W. A. McCain	C. E. Roberts	6	12	..	..	17	2	..	122	195	12	600 00	10 00	85 03	7 70	80 00	.....	31 75	2 50	16 25	95 05	38 95	86 30	2 00	10 00	.....	1065 53
Harmony	Crane	J. A. Hackett	D. R. Red, Jr.	4	...	...	...	4	...	...	44	....	....	45 00	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 35	.....	.....	20 00	5 00	.....	1 50	2 55	82 40	164 80
Hepzibah	Shubuta	Rufus Somrall	Ab. Rogers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	43	18	3	30 00	1 65	1 65	1 65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 05	2 00	.....	38 00
Meridian	Meridian	R. A. Venable	V. L. Crawford	...	21	...	10	12	..	28	471	240	28	1500 00	200 00	355 00	200 00	50 00	15 00	15 00	70 00	50 00	806 92	1 20	363 00	5 00	5 00	100 00	3854 92
Mount Zion	Winchester	H. M. Mason	C. D. Ogynne	...	1	1	..	3	..	..	93	....	....	100 00	6 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	2 50	.....	111 50
Mount Gilead	Gilead	J. R. Farish	W. H. Ross	2	...	1	1	4	4	..	171	25	3	100 00	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 00	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....	130 00
New Hope	Tokio	B. E. Lucas	F. M. Gray	...	...	...	..	2	2	..	26	....	....	40 00	.....	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	43 00
Oak Grove	Shubuta	H. A. Pickard	J. Sumrall	...	5	..	..	5	1	..	57	30	5	60 00	.....	60	75	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	2 00	6 00	.....	1 70	.....	2 00	75 05
Pleasant Grove	Vossburg	W. A. Roper	D. L. Goodwin	...	...	...	5	6	1	..	54	....	....	50 00	7 00	4 00	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 50	.....	.....	.....	1 60	.....	.....	74 10
Pachuta	Pachuta	J. A. Hackett	J. H. Rogers	4	2	..	..	12	1	..	81	35	6	140 00	3 00	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	31 70	8 00	.....	2 00	3 00	.....	195 70
Poplar Springs	Lucile	G. C. Johnson	R. F. Gartin	4	10	..	..	3	..	..	42	....	....	.....	5 00	2 00	18 15	2 00	.....	.....	2 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	65	.....	.....	31 80
Quitman	Quitman	G. W. Knight	M. E. Lott	...	8	1	..	4	..	..	50	54	7	180 00	3 50	.....	13 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50	.....	.....	199 25
Waynesboro	Waynesboro	W. J. David	W. M. McAllister	22	11	..	..	6	..	..	200	30	5	150 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 24	.....	7 50	.....	1 85	.....	.....	164 59
Shubuta	Shubuta	J. A. Hackett	J. F. Brown	...	1	..	..	6	1	..	55	61	7	200 00	20 00	34 46	34 41	10 40	....	21 00	13 75	24 95	30 00	22 00	10 00	2 50	6 30	10 00	439 77
Seventh Avenue	Meridian	J. D. Cook	J. R. Steinwinder	...	6	..	..	9	1	..	80	7	....	.....	3 31	1 05	60	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	8 50	8 65	18 00	50	20	3 00	53 81
Stonewall	Stonewall	W. J. David	T. J. Harper	17	22	1	1	...	..	..	172	167	13	250 00	10 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	200 00	25 00	.....	4 00	5 00	.....	504 00
South Side	Meridian	J. D. Cook	J. G. Walker	..	13	..	2	1	..	..	69	68	7	660 00	12 53	10 40	9 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 10	28 75	22 05	.....	2 00	2 05	1 75	758 83
†State Line	State Line	D. W. Bosdell	W. L. Ethridge	10	3	..	2	2	4	..	96	45	9	.....	.....	.....	14 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	29 62	4 00	4 50	1 00	2 50	.....	55 62
*Barnett	Barnett	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Clear Creek	Shubuta	J. N. Phillips	J. R. West	...	...	...	...	7	..	14	40	....	....	35 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....	2 25	.....	.....	.....	1 25	.....	.....	41 50
*Chicora	Chicora	F. E. Tucker	E. B. Hall	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	47	....	....	120 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	120 00
Union	Roy	J. D. Stone	W. L. Brunson	6	...	...	1	21	..	..	103	....	....	.....	.....	10 01	12 55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50	.....	.....	25 06
**Lauderdale	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Highland	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	5 00	.....	7 00
Total				112	141	6	28	153	39	34	2811	1455	171	$5516 00	$317 28	$516 95	$362 86	$148 40	$15 00	$172 10	$90 70	$189 11	$2110 61	$286 55	$511 00	$57 45	$53 60	$207 32	10554 93

†Report of three months. *Not represented—statistics from last year's minutes. **Not represented since 1895.